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WABASH CITY TREASURER TOOK LARGE SUMS BEFORE LEAVING.

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WHITESTOWN, Ind., Sept. 4.—Work on the Indianapolis, Lebanon & Frankfort line has met with a temporary hindrance. When the Cragun farm, east of Whites-town, was reached a few days ago the owners of the land, the Cragun heirs, refused to sign a deed for the right of way, and this necessitated the leaving of that strip of land for future work. In the late strip between the Lafayette Traction Com-pany and Townsend, Reed & Co., build-ers of the Indianapolis, Lebanon & Frank-foret line, the Lafayette Traction Com-pany held by the court to have made proper of way in four cases to secure right of way, one of these cases being the Cragun land. By the court's decision the latter company cannot condemn the first fifty feet along the north side of the Big Four Railroad, for it is held subject to articles of approp-riation of the former. In all of the other cases, Townsend, Reed & Co. have pur-chased the contested land and themselves have agreed to battle with the Lafayette company. But in the above case the Cragun heirs have refused to deed the land to that company to do to its condemnation the second fifty feet. The Cragun land extends for nearly a half mile, and the use of the second fifty feet will necessitate two sharp curves in the road. This is the only case wherein the builders of the road have met with any difficulty in securing a right of way in this country.

Work on Lima-Pt. Wayne Road Begun

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PORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 4.—Work on the new Lima-Pt. Wayne interurban be- gan to-day at New Haven, six miles east of here. The graders are working this way over right of way owned by Senator Fleming. Mr. W. Stanley, the contractor, says he will have 300 men and teams to-day at work until the grading is completed. The Port Wayne Northern Company, incor-porated at Indianapolis yesterday, today asked the Board of Works for a franchise on several streets leading north.

Route from Indianapolis to Ft. Wayne

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MARION, Ind., Sept. 4.—The Van Buren Town Council last night granted a franchise to the Fort Wayne & Southwestern Traction Company, which proposes to extend its line from Wabash to Marion through Van Buren, thus completing the traction lines from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne.

TRIED TO HANG HIMSELF

Prisoner in Bloomington Jail Used Blanket for a Rope.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 4.—Edward Graves, of Harrodsburg, attempted suicide in jail this afternoon by hanging himself with a blanket. The blanket was secured a long piece of bed blanket, which he made into a rope by twisting it, then fastened one end to a crossbar above his head and made a loop in the other end. He climbed up the side of the cage and placed his neck in the loop, let himself down until his toes nearly touched the floor. He was cut down and after a short time he was recovered. He is twenty-five years old and of a good family. Graves sought self-destruction because of a charge by his brother that he had attempted to kill him. It was on this charge that he is in jail.

Prof. Barnes Commits Suicide

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VALPARAISO, Ind., Sept. 4.—Prof. Peter Barnes, member of the college faculty and custodian of the college building for sixteen years, committed suicide this afternoon in a coal shed by hanging himself. He had been ill for some time. Barnes feared that he would grow insane because of his brother's death. Barnes had married a woman and had a son. He left a wife and daughter.

EXHUMED TO BE REBURIED

Citizens of Monon Raise Money to Dress and Embalm a Body.

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MONON, Ind., Sept. 4.—The body of the unidentified man who was killed in the railroad yards here Tuesday morning was exhumed this morning. According to the orders of the coroner the remains were interred at the cemetery just as found after the accident. The body was not washed, the clothes were not changed and the old man's pipe and tobacco were thrown into the coffin. The citizens of Monon are raising money to dress and embalm the body, and to properly bury the remains. A sufficient sum was raised and the body was disinterred and placed in a casket again this afternoon. A great many rail-roads were present at the exhumation, and they took the initiative in raising the money.

Rev. J. C. MURRAY VINDICATED.

Minister of Religion in Session Two Days Investigating Charges.

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RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 4.—The ministerial trial court in progress here for two days investigating a charge of immoral conduct against the Rev. J. C. Murray, a member of the faculty of Gammon Theological Seminary, at Atlanta, Ga., con-cluded its work this evening. The result was a complete vindication of the Rev. Murray. The prosecution gave notice that the right was reserved to call the case on before the annual conference, which meets in the spring at Noblesville. The Rev. Murray will continue his work at Gammon Seminary. It is not thought likely the case will ever be brought up again.

TREASURER ROSE \$11,265 SHORT.

Report of Experts Show that the De-falcation Began in 1900.

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WABASH, Ind., Sept. 4.—The examina-tion of the books, accounts and cash of John B. Rose, the missing treasurer of this city, was completed by Elias Scott, the expert, and Fremont McLean, city clerk, this evening. It revealed a shortage in the accounts of \$11,265, and also that the misappropriation of the public funds by Mr. Rose began in 1900. Up to the com-mencement of this year the actual short- age was \$3,900, and there have been small amounts taken from time to time ever since. The inference is that the large dif- ference between the \$3,900 taken a year ago and the total amount of the shortage was carried away by Mr. Rose, or was lost in speculation. On Aug. 1, it is stated, he had \$2,000 in cash in bank, against a balance as shown by the books of \$1,000. On July 1 the total shortage was \$11,000. City Treasurer Brown this afternoon

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Major, G. W. Steele Sells His Residence.

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MARION, Ind., Sept. 4.—Major George W. Steele has sold his home in North Marion to Harry Miller, of the firm of Miller & Barley, for \$15,000. The property is one of the finest in the county. The house stands far back from the street at the end of a winding driveway, lined with tall trees. The place is noted over the State for its beauty.

Witnesses Seared.

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ROCKY HILL, Ind., Sept. 4.—The Phillips murder trial has been delayed on account of the defense being unable to obtain wit- nesses when desired. One witness was ex- amined this afternoon and a writ of at- tachment has been issued for another. In continuing the trial the court has intro- duced. Argument in the case will prob- ably be heard to-morrow.

City Sued for Water Rent.

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VALPARAISO, Ind., Sept. 4.—The Val-paraíso Water Company has filed suit against this city to collect \$8,000 for hydrant rental. Plaintiff refused to acknowledge a lease with the city. The suit was filed before Special Judge Howard, of South Bend, and allowed by the City Council. Several suits are pending between the two parties.

Curing Hog Cholera by Vaccination.

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RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 4.—Dr. Fred Kemmer, of this county, who claims to have discovered a cure for hog cholera, has been doctoring on an average 500 hogs a day, and as yet not one has died. Dr. Kemmer vaccinates the hogs.

Mrs. John Flanagan Burned to Death.

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WAGONER, I. T., Sept. 4.—Mrs. John Flanagan, wife of a railroad contractor on the Ozark & Cherokee Central Railroad, was burned to death here while preparing supper. An explosion followed an attempt to light a gas stove. Mrs. Flanagan, formerly lived at Terre Haute.

Defaulted His Bond.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MADISON, Ind., Sept. 4.—George Ober, traveling doctor, under arrest at French Lick, is wanted in Madison, and will be brought here for defaulting a bond given to answer for fraudulent practice.

Knocked Down and Robbed.

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MADISON, Ind., Sept. 4.—William Davis, of Newport, Ky., was knocked down in this city and robbed of a gold watch, gold chain and a diamond ring. The assailant escaped, and is said to be in Rising Sun.

Indiana Notes.

ELWOOD.—Harry and Cora Harmon, husband and wife, residing in this city, serving a jail sentence at Marion for theft. When the tin plate factory here closed the Harmon family moved to Elwood. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon and their children are now in Elwood. The Harmon family moved to Elwood. The Harmon family moved to Elwood.

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A Geyser Oil-Gas Well.

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DECATUR, Ind., Sept. 4.—The Brewer oil well, eight miles northeast of this city, recently has been struck. The well is ex- tending by its strange action. The well is at first, a gusher. The oil flowed from the hole at two-hour intervals. During these intervals the well was perfectly at rest, but now, since the shot, the oil is hurled high into the air. The well is now being worked at two hours' rest, a strong flow of gas rushes from the hole. The well is now being worked at two hours' rest, a strong flow of gas rushes from the hole. The well is now being worked at two hours' rest, a strong flow of gas rushes from the hole.

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Youthful Marriage Interrupted.

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NAVAL COMBAT DETAILS

COLUMBIAN REBELS' ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE ON JULY 30.

Capture of Two Government Gunboats, Their Crews, Many Soldiers and Munitions of War.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Details of the naval combat which took place in the bay of Panama July 30 have reached here in the shape of a translation of an official report made by Rafael Santos V., who commanded the rebel gunboat Padilla, to the chief of the rebel army, General Herrera. The insurgent victory was one of the most severe setbacks which the government forces had recently since the war began. After telling of the preparations he made for the fight, the insurgent commander says:

"At 5 a. m. we sighted the enemy's fleet, composed of the gunboats Boyaca, Chucuito and the gasoline launch Aurora. We put our bow directly for them, trying to prevent their entering the Agua Dulce river. On seeing us the enemy took a southward course. We pursued them at a distance of 3,500 meters, we opened fire with our bow cannon on the Boyaca, mak- ing the Chucuito commence firing at us, which, as in former fights, took the pre- caution to keep itself at a safe distance without having hardly made its presence known. At 8:30 a. m. the Boyaca cut loose the Aurora, with the aim of making it easier for her to escape. (She was towing the launch.) This was captured by us and despatched to the command of the rebel forces. The launch, where she remained hidden without risk. We soon saw that the Boyaca was unwilling to give battle and was apparently under forced draught, mak- ing for some port of salvation. After an hour and a half of continuous firing with the pieces on the bow, stern and starboard, which was answered by her, we saw on her forward deck a large number of the enemy's troops. To take them away to safety was our natural, troubled me."

The commander tells what disposition was made of his prisoners and then con- tinues: "In this memorable combat there fell into our hands the two above-men- tioned ships, Boyaca and Aurora, and all their crews, three generals, five colonels, three lieutenants, six sergeants, eight privates, sixty-five officers and 250 individual troops, three well-equipped naval can- noes, 20 bayonets, six machine guns, 20 boxes, 30 rifles, 50,000 cartridges, twenty- six swords, twenty-one revolvers, six field glasses, eight tented campfires, five can- dies, cooking and eating utensils. All of the officers and officials will stay on board the Chucuito, and the rest of the prisoners. The troops were dispatched for Las Tablas to the chief of that place."

FEWER DIE YOUNG.

Median Age of the White Population in 1900 Was 22.8.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The Census Bureau today issued a statement show- ing the increasing age of the population from decade to decade. The statement gives the results of computing the median in- stead of the average age. The median is under it and half is over it. The median age of the total population in 1900 was 22.8, as compared with 21.9 in 1890. The median age of the white population in 1900 was 22.4 and the colored was 13.7, while in 1890 the white population was 22.4 and the colored 13.3.

The report shows there was an increase in the median age of the white population during each decade from 1810 to 1900, amounting in the ninety years to 74 years, or an average amount of about five-sixths of a year in a decade. The median age of the colored population increased from 1810 to 1900, but with less regularity. The median age of the colored population increased from 1810 to 1900, but with less regularity. The median age of the colored population increased from 1810 to 1900, but with less regularity.

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